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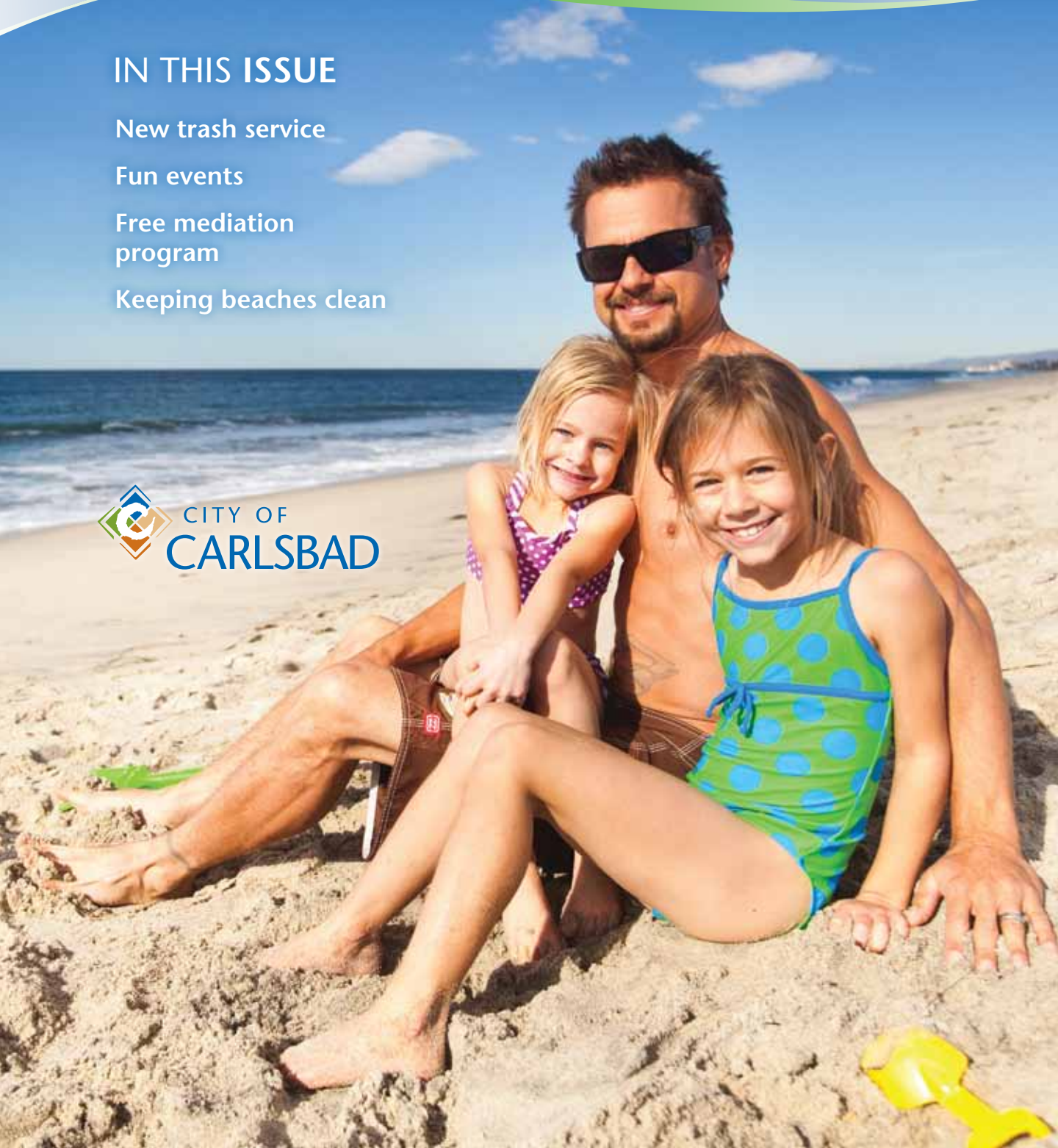
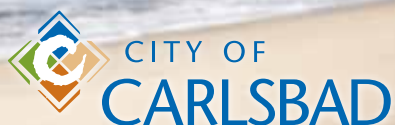
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All about your new trash service

The City of Carlsbad is switching to a new, automated trash collection system that will be more convenient for residents and better for the environment.

Residents of single family homes will receive free wheeled carts for trash, recycling and green waste from Waste Management, the city's trash contractor.

The new service includes "single stream recycling," which means residents won't have to sort recyclables into separate crates. Instead, all recyclables, such as paper, metal, glass and plastic, will go into one cart.



Starting July 1, the monthly fee for most residents of single family homes will increase about a \$1 a month.

The monthly fee will decrease about \$.85 a month for residents who select the 35-gallon trash cart. Carlsbad has historically had among the lowest trash rates in the county and will continue to even after the increase goes into effect July 1.

For more information, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/trash or call 760-602-4646.





What if I change my mind about the cart size?

After carts have been delivered, residents who find that they need larger or smaller carts will have 90 days to request an exchange for a different size cart at no additional charge.

What happens to my current trash cans?

Residents have the choice of placing their old cans out on a designated day for collection and recycling by Waste Management, or keeping their trash cans for their own use. However, after receiving new carts, residents will no longer use existing trash cans or recycling crates for curbside collection.

Why are we only given one trash cart? We used to be able to put out multiple trash cans.

The 35 gallon carts are slightly larger and can hold a little more trash than the trash cans that residents currently place curbside for collection (32 gallons). The 64 gallon carts can hold roughly double the trash of a typical trash can, and the 96 gallon carts can hold roughly triple the trash. It is anticipated that most residents will find the 96 gallon cart provides more than enough capacity. Also, many residents will find that because they have a much larger cart for recycling, they will be able to recycle items they used to place in trash cans.

Can I get extra carts if I need them?

Residents will be able to have up to three recycling and three green waste carts at no additional cost. There will be extra charges for additional trash carts. Residents may request additional trash carts at the rate of \$2.24 a month, also available for the same price are recycling and green waste carts (if residents already have three of each).

What do I do if I have a larger than normal trash week, like around the holidays or after a spring cleaning?

Residents in other communities with automated trash service often share excess space in their cans with neighbors. Another option is to put trash out over more than one week.

Where do I put the carts on trash day?

- Roll carts out to the curb line by 6 a.m. and place with the handle facing away from the street.
- Carts must have a minimum 2-foot clearance of any obstacles including parked cars, mailboxes and other carts. The carts also need to be free from overhanging objects such as trees.
- The lids of the carts must be closed for servicing.
- Only Waste Management provided carts will be serviced. Each cart type is serviced by a different truck on the same collection day.



Bulky items and e-waste

With the new trash service, you won't have to wait for specified dates to have electronic waste and old appliances, furniture and other bulky items picked up. Residents can call Waste Management three times a year to schedule a pickup at least 24 hours in advance of their normal scheduled collection day for free pickup. Contact Waste Management at 866-WM RECYCLE or 760-929-9400.



Things to do

Joe Brubaker: The Exquisite Garden

Now through June 24

Tuesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m., Free

William D. Cannon Art Gallery, Carlsbad City Library complex (Dove Lane), 760-602-2021

Bay area artist Joe Brubaker and a group of visiting artists and designers will work with MiraCosta College art students and artists to transform the gallery into a sculpture installation called "The Exquisite Garden" using found objects, discarded materials and scrap metal.



Summer Camps

June - August, Monday to Friday, full and half day, from \$90 a week

The city offers a wide variety of full and half-day camps offering fun and creative activities all summer long. Pee Wee camps are for ages 3 to 5, traditional camps are for ages 5 to 15 and arts camps are for kids 7 to 13. Check the city website for sign up information, www.carlsbadca.gov/parksandrec and www.carlsbadca.gov/arts.



Annual Summer Reading Program

June 18 - Aug. 3, Carlsbad City Libraries, 760-602-2047

The annual summer reading program takes place at all three Carlsbad library locations with special activities, reading incentives and entertainment for babies, kids, teens and adults. Visit the city website or call for details.



Toddler & Preschool Summer Classes

June 25 - July 27, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, \$58 - \$218 for season
Holiday Park in Kruger House, 760-602-7510

Let the learning and fun continue all summer long with the city's popular preschool program. The city offers toddler (18-36 months), preschool 3s (29 months to 3 years), preschool 4s (41 months to 4 years) and pre-Kindergarten (46 months to 5 years) classes. The classes feature sensory exploration, hands-on learning and physical development, cooperative play and independent problem solving. Prices, dates and times are different for each class. Please call for details or visit www.carlsbadca.gov/parksandrec.

Community Wellness Expo

Saturday, July 7, 10 a.m.
Westfield Plaza Camino Real southwest parking lot, 760-434-2843

Learn new ways to live a healthier lifestyle through activities, demonstrations and information.

Carlsbad Triathlon

Sunday, July 8, 8 a.m.,
Tamarack State Beach, 760-434-2843

Help cheer on the participants of this signature city event and get inspired to sign up next year!

Public Artists, Private Works

July 15 - Sept. 16, Tuesday - Saturday,
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. -
5 p.m., Free

William D. Cannon Art Gallery,
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane),
760-602-2049

Artists who create artwork for public art commissions often create very different work in their studios. Since the City of Carlsbad established its Cultural Arts Office in 1985, a number of artists have been featured in the city's Art in Public Places Program. This show is a rare opportunity to see the private studio work of Carlsbad's public art artists.



Snores & S'mores Family Campout

Saturday, Aug. 11, 5 p.m., - Sunday,
Aug. 12, 9 a.m., Aviara Community
Park, 760-434-2843

Perfect for first-time campers.
Pre-registration is required.

For a complete, searchable
calendar of events,
visit www.carlsbadca.gov.



TGIF Jazz *in the Parks*

The 27th summer of TGIF Jazz in the Parks returns with nine terrific events to neighborhoods across the city. Every concert is free, with picnicking and dancing from 6 to 8 p.m

Stagecoach Community Park

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| June 29 | Mofo Party Band (Chicago blues) |
| July 6* | Big Time Operator (Big Band Swing) |
| July 13 | Café R&B (Soul & Blues) |

Poinsettia Community Park

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| July 20 | Steve Lucky & the Rhumba Bums
(Jumpin' Jive & Swing) |
| July 27* | B-Side Players (World & Reggae) |
| August 3 | Madame LeRoux & Krewe with the
Euphoria Brass Band (New Orleans R&B) |

Calavera Hills Community Park

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| August 10 | Sierra Leone Refugee All-Stars
(Afro-Pop & World) |
| August 17* | Ruby & the Red Hots (Jazz & Blues) |
| August 24 | Johnny Polanco Orchestra
(Salsa & Latin Jazz) |

*Art At Jazz, TGIF's popular hands-on art-making event for youth

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New program *helps neighbors resolve differences*

The City of Carlsbad is offering a new service to help neighbors resolve disputes using trained volunteer mediators who are members of the Carlsbad community.

"Often if you can get into the same room with a neutral third party to help talk through the issues, grievances can be resolved," said Sue Irey, the city's volunteer coordinator.

"Mediation is free, quick, confidential and will take place in Carlsbad. The goal of the program is to help residents address issues in a positive setting, rather than letting situations escalate."

Issues commonly resolved through mediation involve property maintenance disputes, animal nuisance complaints, noise and neighbor-to-neighbor conflicts.

The city's program will not be used for disputes between landlords and tenants, nor between property owners and HOAs.

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City volunteers have undergone intensive training and received certification through the National Conflict Resolution Center.

"A lot of the time, communication is the key issue. Once residents start

improving communication and understanding, the entire neighborhood benefits," said Irey. "We see this new program as an important tool to help keep Carlsbad neighborhoods strong."

For more information, please call **619-593-4530** or visit www.carlsbadca.gov/housing.

Making strides in protecting habitat



A new report shows that the City of Carlsbad conserved approximately 80 additional acres of natural open space for plants and animals this past year under its environmental program called the Habitat Management Plan. Carlsbad is the only city in Northern San Diego County with an approved habitat management plan.

The City of Carlsbad has a rich natural environment and is home to three lagoons, oak woodlands and other types of natural space. When all the major development in the city is complete, more than a third of the city's land will be preserved as open space, including parks, trails and natural areas.

To read the report, visit www.carlsbadca.gov and search for "HMP report."

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Caring for our creeks, lagoons and beaches

Beautiful beaches, picturesque lagoons, calming creeks – these precious water bodies are an important part of the excellent quality of life we enjoy in Carlsbad. Please do your part to keep them clean. Did you know during last year's Coastal Cleanup Day more than 1,000 pounds of trash were removed from Carlsbad beaches? Plastics, Styrofoam and cigarette butts are the most common items found. Please do your part to keep trash out of our waterways.

- Make sure your trash is bagged and tied.
- Cover dumpsters and trash cans.
- Properly store or dispose of any household hazardous materials such as paint, solvents and cleaning supplies.
- Properly dispose of cigarette butts.
- Participate in a cleanup event, such as the Creek to Bay Cleanup or California Coastal Cleanup Day.
- And, please report any washing or dumping into storm drains to **760-602-2799** or stormwater@carlsbadca.gov.



Carlsbad streets

to become more “livable”

New trends in street design can improve traffic flow, make roads safer and contribute to a more vibrant community and economy.

“There is a growing realization that streets should be designed more for people, not just cars,” said City of Carlsbad Deputy Transportation Director Bryan Jones. “It’s amazing how a few changes in street design can have such a positive effect on a community’s health, safety, economy and social vitality.”

The livable streets concept, also called “complete streets,” acknowledges that streets are an important part of the livability of today’s communities and ought to be for everyone, whether young or old, motorist or bicyclist, walker or wheelchair user, bus rider or shopkeeper.



Carlsbad already has several areas that use these concepts. Over the coming year, city traffic engineers will work on two new projects. One is improving pedestrian crossings along Carlsbad Boulevard from Carlsbad Village Drive to Tamarack. The other is a demonstration project at State Street and Carlsbad Boulevard

that includes replacing the intersection with a roundabout and improving pedestrian and bicyclist infrastructure with sidewalks, bike lanes and a trail across the Buena Vista Lagoon.



Some of the more common strategies to make streets more “livable” include:

- Creating a buffer between walking paths and traffic.
- Using roundabouts or traffic circles instead of traffic signals or stop signs to keep traffic continually flowing at safe speeds while improving access for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Creating wider walkways, outdoor dining, landscaped areas and benches to encourage people to gather outdoors, especially around shopping and dining areas.
- Decreasing the distance for pedestrians to cross streets by adding more sidewalk space and raised medians.
- Creating more clearly defined bike lanes and placing the lanes where bikes will have fewer conflicts with cars.
- Slowing traffic in residential neighborhoods.
- Connecting sidewalks, bike lanes and trails to transit stops.